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Chief, SE

January 28, 1953

SHAM/BGFIEND/PSYCH

Headquarters Supply of Basic Propaganda Material

REFERENCE: 114-OIZW

1. This writer trusts the basic propaganda material assistance, described in above reference, will continue.

2. He would particularly like to see detailed information, such as that contained in VIEN-9036, continued for these reasons:

a. With a limited field staff such as we have with BGFIEND plus the necessity of maintaining security, it is not possible for us to have reference material at our fingertips, such as that usually found in a newspaper office. Thus, we must often write articles for OKPALING based almost entirely upon memory or material which we can gather quickly from the publications bought each day on the local news stands. When information which is as detailed as that supplied in VIEN-9036 comes along, we have all the source material at our fingertips to turn out a presentable piece for the pages of OKPALING.

b. It is nice to receive all of the information which normally comes from Headquarters by pouch on such items as the Slansky trial, Jewish persecutions, etc. But, unfortunately, due to conditions beyond the control of all of us, such information invariably reaches our hands some weeks after high interest in such subjects has subsided or at least begun to wane. Thus cabled material again assists us materially at a time when assistance is most needed.

3. In relaying such material to this office the writer would caution that our limitations be borne in mind. Our audience consists largely of KMWAAHOOS and their interest is primarily centered in news matter which has some bearing upon KMWAAHOOLAND. Background material must then be linked to their interests if we do not want to give our HTNEIGH propaganda an HTCURIO controlled appearance.

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4. For the reader's information, the writer would like to describe a rather simple file which is now being built up in the BGFIEND shop [] We have set up a card file which is broken down into three categories:

a. People who have been purged and acts of violence and/or atrocities committed against the people, along with short biographical sketches on the persons purged.

b. Prosecutors and other Communists who might be termed responsible for conducting such purges.

c. Friends and enemies within KMWANOO itself.

Thus material which comes to us late (in pouch form) is carefully carded against the day when we will need it to high-light future articles on purges, acts of atrocity, etc.

5. We mention this only to point out that such material is extremely valuable even though it is received late because it has been our two-year experience that there is recurring need for such material in conducting our day-to-day propaganda activities.

6. We should also like to add that in spite of all efforts we have not been able to get the BGFLUME Committee to build up the sort of ready reference file that will divulge any useful information on a moments notice.

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